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SUBJECT: GOM ASKS FOR ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP IMMIGRATION CONTROL
TRAINING PROGRAM TO COMBAT TERRORISM

1. THE EMBASSY IS IN RECEIPT OF A CONFIDENTIAL REQUEST FROM THE CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL SURETE FOR US ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR MOROCCAN OFFICIALS. THE STATED OBJECTIVE OF THE PROGRAM WOULD BE TO "INITIATE A SYSTEM OF TRAINING IN METHODS OF INVESTIGATION AND ACTION IN THE AREA OF COMBATTING INTERNATIONAL SUBVERSION." THE TRAINING, THE LETTER SAID, WOULD ULTIMATELY ENCOMPASS A "LARGE NUMBER" OF SURETE PERSONNEL. THE US WAS BEING REQUESTED TO PROVIDE INITIAL TRAINING FOR ABOUT 20 PERSONNEL, WHO WOULD THEN TRAIN OTHERS. THE LETTER REQUESTED THAT THE TRAINING BE IN FRENCH, AND PREFERABLY IN MOROCCO.

2. EMBOFF CALLED ON COMMISSAIRE HASSAN SLIMANI, THE SURETE HEAD'S CABINET CHIEF, ON AUGUST 9 TO SEEK DETAILS. SLIMANI EXPLAINED THAT THE PROGRAM WAS AIMED AT INCREASING MOROCCO'S CAPABILITIES TO CONTROL ACCESS THROUGH PORTS OF ENTRY. THE SURETE'S CHIEF OF IMMIGRATION CONTROL HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO REORGANIZE HIS SERVICE WITH A VIEW TOWARD MORE EFFICIENT FUNCTIONING. MOROCCO WAS ESPECIALLY CONCERNED ABOUT "INTERNATIONAL SUBVERSION" (WHICH EMBOFF TOOK TO MEAN TERRORISM). HE SAID TRAINING IN SUCH THINGS AS RECOGNITION, TECHNICAL DETECTION DEVICES, AND OTHER ASPECTS OF ENTRY CONTROL WERE THE KINDS OF THINGS THE GOM

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WAS INTERESTED IN. HE SAID THAT THE TRAINING WOULD NOT

INVOLVE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES.

3. FORTUITOUSLY, AN FAA TEAM IS NOW IN COUNTRY LOOKING INTO SECURITY AT CASABLANCA AIRPORT. A MEETING BETWEEN VARIOUS INTERESTED ELEMENTS OF THE SURETE, INCLUDING IMMIGRATION REPRESENTATIVES, IS BEING SET UP WITH THE FAA TEAM THIS WEEK. HOWEVER, FROM OUR INITIAL SOUNDINGS WITH THE FAA TEAM LEADER, MR. IRWIN HORN, IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT FAA HAS THE CAPABILITY TO BE FULLY RESPONSIVE TO THE GOM'S REQUEST. THUS IT WOULD APPEAR THAT OTHER USG AGENCIES WOULD HAVE TO BE QUERIED.

4. AT DINNER ON AUGUST 11 THE AMBASSADOR MENTIONED TO THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR THAT WE WERE IN RECEIPT OF THE REQUEST, AND THAT WE PLANNED TO FORWARD IT TO WASHINGTON TO SEE WHAT MIGHT BE DONE. THE MINISTER, WHO WAS AWARE OF THE MATTER, SAID HE WOULD BE "EXTREMELY GRATEFUL" FOR ANYTHING THE USG COULD DO TO HELP OUT.

5. COMMENT: THE GOM HAS BEEN HYPERSENSITIVE OF LATE ON THE QUESTION OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. A SERIES OF ARTICLES AND EDITORIALS IN THE SEMI-OFFICIAL PRESS HAVE SOUGHT TO LINK ALGERIA AND ESPECIALLY LIBYA TO INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST RINGS. WE KNOW FROM OUR CONVERSATIONS AT BOTH MINISTERIAL AND LIAISON LEVEL THAT THE MOROCCANS ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE THREAT POSED HERE BY TERRORISM. WE SEE THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO WHAT APPEARS TO US TO BE A LEGITIMATE AND DESIRABLE EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE GOM. WE STRONGLY URGE THAT THE MATTER BE GIVEN FAVORABLE AND PROMPT CONSIDERATION SO AS TO PERMIT US TO PROVIDE THE GOM WITH A TIMELY RESPONSE.
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